

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: SB 29

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Short Title: Gadsden Schools Promise for Success Program

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Bill Summary:

SB 29 extends the expenditure period of the FY 08 legislative appropriation for Gadsden Independent Schools Promise for Success program through FY 09.

Fiscal Impact:

SB 29 does not contain an appropriation.

Issues:

- In 2007, the Legislature appropriated \$250,000 to Gadsden Independent Schools for the Promise for Success program to assess existing youth services and to identify gaps in services and funding opportunities.
- According to the district's website, in September 2007, the district issued a request for proposals (RFP) for needs assessment and strategic planning for the program. The Public Education Department analysis of SB 29 says that, because the contract was not awarded until January 2008, the extension provided in the bill would allow the contractor sufficient time to fulfill the scope of work.
- According to the RFP, the goal of the Promise for Success program is to create a comprehensive, community-based strategic approach to support the reduction of delinquency, abuse and neglect, truancy, substance abuse, gangs, runaways, school failure, and other problems and to facilitate an increase in the level of parental responsibility in Doña Ana County.
- The RFP outlines seven tasks for the consultant team in the scope of work:
 1. Coordinate a steering committee and public outreach;
 2. Conduct a needs assessment;
 3. Create an inventory of existing services;
 4. Develop a gap analysis of existing services;
 5. Investigate program models and best practices;
 6. Develop a strategic plan; and
 7. Complete applications for funding to implement the strategic plan.

Related Bills:

None